

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 60

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend Randy Travis for his many contributions to country music and his support of stroke research and awareness.

WHEREAS, despite significant advances in diagnosis, treatment, and prevention, stroke is a leading cause of serious long-term disability and the fifth leading cause of death in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, more than half, fifty-eight percent, of Americans do not know if they are at risk for stroke; and

WHEREAS, one in three Americans cannot recall any stroke warning signs or symptoms; and

WHEREAS, the rapid identification, diagnosis, and treatment of stroke can save the lives of stroke patients and in some cases can reverse neurological damage such as paralysis and speech and language impairments, leaving stroke patients with few or no neurological deficits; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the General Assembly passed legislation establishing the stroke best practices and treatment guidelines task force to make recommendations for improving stroke outcomes and care in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, new and effective treatments have been developed to treat and minimize the severity and damaging effect of strokes, but more research is needed; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, Randy Travis, who has won six Grammy awards, sold more than twenty-five million records, had twenty-two number one hits, and was recently inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame, suffered a massive stroke; and

WHEREAS, since that time, Randy Travis has made miraculous strides toward recovery and has dedicated himself to supporting stroke research and rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, he founded the Randy Travis Foundation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization to raise money for stroke research and rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, February 8, 2017, is commemorated as Tennessee Stroke Awareness Day with the purpose of honoring stroke survivors such as Randy Travis and promoting further research and policy improvements in Tennessee, and we encourage Tennesseans to learn their personal stroke risk, to memorize and share the stroke warning signs, and to call 911 at the first sign of a stroke; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we recognize and commend Randy Travis for his many contributions to country music and the State of Tennessee and his support of stroke research and awareness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.